

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2239 - SB 2157**

March 23, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a center for rural development at the University of Tennessee at Martin to improve socioeconomic well-being in Tennessee's rural communities. The center would be authorized, among other things, to evaluate policies and strategies for rural development; provide educational outreach through conferences, workshops, and training sessions; provide public services to communities and spread information; and operate satellite rural development centers.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$178,500**

Assumption:

- To carry out the responsibilities set out in the bill, this estimate assumes one professional staff person, one support staff person, and graduate assistants would be needed. Total personnel costs would approximate \$115,500. In addition, operating costs and travel expenses are estimated to be approximately \$63,000.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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